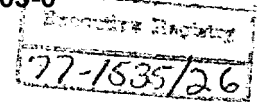


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16 December 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting of Executive Committee Working Group on Terrorism

The meeting of the Executive Committee was convened at 11:00 in the State Department with Ambassador Isham in the chair. The formal minutes will be prepared by State and circulated. The following topics were discussed:

25X1 1. Ribicoff Bill - Ambassador Isham circulated a draft of a coordinated executive branch reply to Senator Ribicoff and requested comments by all agencies and departments by COB Monday, 19 December, (I have given our copy to [ ] in the Office of Legislative Counsel and he promises a reply to meet the deadline).

Isham will submit the executive branch response based on comments received to the staff of Ribicoff's committee by the end of next week and will explore possibilities of compromise. Secretary of State has indicated to Senators Ribicoff and Javits that he wants to work with them on a compromise bill that could be realistically administered.

2. At the initiative of the Justice and Treasury representatives, there was a confused discussion of the efforts of the working group under the NSC to revise NSDM 207 dealing with "reporting of non-military incidents." Isham finally ruled that this was not a subject that the Executive Committee should deal with and Bill Odom of the NSC Staff asked Justice and State to define language to resolve their differences.

3. Ambassador Isham reported that Secretary Vance anticipates increased terrorist activity as a result of current Middle East developments and he has asked Isham to ensure that each department and agency knows what its role is if we are confronted with a major incident.

4. Isham raised the question as to what was to be on the agenda for the SCC meeting on terrorism scheduled for 27 December. Col. Odom of the NSC staff replied that there would not now seem to be any need

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for such a meeting and he would propose to Dr. Brzezinski that it be canceled.

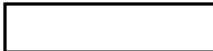


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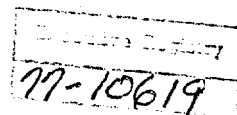
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December 6, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE VICE PRESIDENT  
THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

ALSO: The Secretary of Treasury  
The Attorney General  
The Secretary of Transportation  
The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff  
The Director of Central Intelligence  
The Secretary of Energy

In the temporary absence of Ambassador Isham, the chairmanship of the Executive Committee on Terrorism is transferred to the Associate Deputy Attorney General, Larry Gibson. He will assist the National Security Council in convening the Committee if the need arises before Ambassador Isham's return on Monday, December 12, 1977.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David Aaron".

David Aaron  
Deputy Assistant to the President  
for National Security Affairs

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